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Mrs. J. E. H. Haines. 23 Carter St. Y.

Dear Mrs. Haines,

Yours of 7th received & was glad to receive it so soon.

Thanks for the list of scholars enrolled. I had thought of most of them named before, but am just debating in my own mind whether or not I ought to take the bedding &c.

Am I to go to Hughes instead of Rogers? I thought at first all the teachers were to go there to "scatter from," but see by the map it is further south than the latter place as I thought

my location was probably changed.
Yes, an advance of a part of the quarterly salary would be very acceptable. I had thought should be obliged to borrow some money perhaps but should as much prefer not to.
I kept putting it off, thinking could perhaps get along without by economizing a little. But if a part of the salary will be advanced it will relieve me greatly. And could it and my tickets be equivalent be sent so that I could have them by the first of next year? I wrote you before that I should like to stop with my sister in Kansas. I should not request this so particularly on my own account, although of course, should

like to see her before going so far am. But she is ill and kinds of my going and she says she will never get over it if I pass so near without stopping to see her. Her home is in Beloit in the northern part of Kansas, and I should have to come back quite a distance to Omaha, but perhaps I could meet the other brothers at some point further west. Or I could write Mrs Little from Beloit and be there by the 11th. I am willing to do whatever seems best to you or to go straight to Omaha if that is necessary but should love to stop with my sister a few days if I may.

I am sorry to have written so long a letter as I know you must

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Rev David Hall
Indiana Pa
Miss Work's salary

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Mr. F. E. H. Haines,
No. 23 Cedre St. N. Y.

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My dear Madam:-

It is with pleasure that I write
to say that the Sabbath School
of our Church of which Miss
Laura B. Work is a member has
resolved to assume her Salary
Entire for the coming Year. And
the Session of the Church, at its
meeting yesterday, unanimously
& cordially approved the disposition
of the $$ Contribution.-

$$350 are already in the Cor$,
with the Stated Department to
hear from. And the Superintendent
assures me that the whole $$400
will be forthcoming.-

I am much pratified at this,
and I am sure you will be also.
The School Entered into the Matter

with a hearty Enthusiasm which is of itself worth more than all. This will leave our Young Ladies Society a clear field for any other object on which they may fix their attention. It is probable they will assume the $100 you speak of for Miss Work's School, Travelling Expenses &c.—

But in the event of their doing that the Amount will not be available immediately, as they must raise their money by various means independent of our Annual Fund. And so as not to interfere with it in any way. So that your Com. may have to advance that $100 until our Young Ladies raise the Amount. if they so decide.)

Mr. A. W. Wilson. a Member of my Session. And a Merchant. Who has some influence with R.R. Officials.

Will write to-day in regard to Education plan for Miss W. from Billsburgh to Omaha— And We are not without hope that the favor will be granted. Although Eastern Roads are not so ready to grant favors as Western— I will write you as soon as we know the result of our application.—

When will Miss Work start on her journey?— We are looking for her here in about a Week. And meantime She is visiting friends from place to place so that a letter may not find her— And so I write to you, as to the time of starting.—

I have no additional news to give you. Your young ladies Miss. Society. They are organized, & have adopted Rules &c. & are busy preparing an Exhibition &c.

But I must say I have some solicitude as to the outcome of it do. Our Church has adopted a System of Beneficence, Weekly Contributions by Cards & Envelopes to cover all Expenses at Home & Abroad. And I feel my Session a little jealous of Societies lest they interfere with the System already adopted. —
(But Whatever we may do in our individual Church, I will do What I can for the Cause in our Synod & Presbytery & Ch. What may not have a System of Beneficence such as we have in our Church. —
Meanwhile I am heartily glad of the generous action of our Sab. Sch. to assume Mrs Hodge's Salary Entire for the Coming Year.) —
If the Example is worth enough to the Trial of Inspiration You are welcome to use it. —

Sincerely Yours.
L. Hall. —

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Indiana, Pa. Aug. 27th 1880

Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, 23 Centre St. N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Haines,

I have been here one week — expect to start from here on Monday next — the 30th. Orders for half-fare tickets on the western roads came this week, and Mr. Wilson has secured the same from here to Chicago, which will be $8.09. From Chicago to Council Bluffs, $8.50 and from Omaha to Ogden $38.75, making the whole amt from here to Ogden about $55.34. There is no provision for any further but I presume

Dr. Jackson is to attend to that.

I believe it will be best for me to go to Council Bluffs, and then from there to Beloit and back to Omaha, unless there is a mean point.

At all events I shall have to see the agent there, as my orders are addressed to him.

The check for $35.00 for salary also received and I was wondering why the money for journey did not come too, until I remembered that you did not probably know how much it would be.

Saw Miss Mc Mullen yesterday- she starts one week later than I do, and will meet the others at Omaha.

I did not know until I came here what our Sabbath-School and Society had done- Was very glad to know it, as the Presbytery will now be able to ~~assume~~ assume Miss Mc Mullen's salary, or rather, the ladies of Presbytery.

If the money is not here before I start, Mr. Wilson will advance it, so that I can make my visit and still go on with the other teachers.

Shall call on Mrs. Scovell, if possible. I have received a delightful letter from Mrs. Fiske; shall call on her if have to go through Lawrence but do not know that I do. Am very busy and cannot write more now. If you have to write me again before the meeting please address me at Beloit, Kansas.

With love I remain

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Danish, and lives all alone. I think I shall spend some time after the Holidays with her in order to learn more about the language. She wishes me to.

My discouragements seem now scarce worthy of mention, though sometimes they look formidable enough. I also have "long seats" to contend with, & a lack of other necessaries in the school-room, which I am trying to supply gradually. I began school first quarter with 8 pupils, second quarter with 12.

A lady of Lancaster, Pa. supplies our Reading Room with certain papers, & has sent some Christmas presents for the children. Verily, the Lord is carrying on His work here, & feel that I have done nothing, almost.

Wishing you an abundant success & asking an interest in all your prayers, I am your sister in the Lord's service

Laura B. Work.

Pleasant Grove, Utah,
Dec. 22. 80.

To the Fourteen and their Escort

Dear Fellow-Laborers.

I have nothing new to impart, and as I have written to many & talked frequently with one of you, I fear what I shall write here will prove "stale", flat and unprofitable to the majority. But then there will be the other numbers to which you can turn & refresh you and with this thought I comfort myself.

I must subscribe myself as not merely contented, for that would sound ungrateful, as you will all say when I tell you "how great things the Lord hath done for me", but happy

in my work. I have had a few, a very few, comparatively, discouragements & difficulties to contend with, and some of them yet remain like thorns in the flesh, I dare say, to make me feel my own weakness & nothingness, and look ever to Jesus to "carry me through."

But there are so many good things they greatly overbalance the evil. First: I am, as most of you know, only 3 miles from American Fork, where is a Presbyterian church and minister (Rev. T. P. Day) and two teachers Misses Kingsbury and Brown; the latter of our number, the former an "old" teacher, having been here a whole year longer than we.

I have taken some pupils in that place, & go every Friday eve. which, although it makes me extra busy, enables me to enjoy the society of these dear friends much of the time. There, I have been blessed with considerable aid in my labors. A young gentleman of Am. Fork comes over every Sabbath & assists in the Sabbath School. And a wk. or two since, a young Norwegian lady from Salt Lake, spent a few days with me & visited some of the Scandinavian families, which was a very valuable help, as, until I have learned their language, I can do very little in that quarter.

Also, we have preaching, now, once a wk. by Rev. Day. And just seldom enough to make it a pleasant surprise each time, comes a wagon-load of the friends from Am. Fork, sometimes to "Reading Circle" but oftener on "Church" nights so as to bring the minister.

I have found a Pres. friend here, also, through Miss Eckmann, the young lady mentioned above. She is

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Pleasant Grove, Utah.
Oct. 19th 1881.

Miss. F. E. H. Haines. 23 Centre St. N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Haines,

I wrote you last fall some after commencing work and have been awaiting an answer ever since. But when Mrs. Boyd was here and we talked of our new building-toward which Mrs. Day has, I think, asked your Committee for $1500.- she told me to write you all about it, which I will try to do. I do not know whether I can make you understand our need of these rooms, which is greater just now than ever before, because the house in which I have been living was sold some time since and I obliged to vacate. I tried, in vain for some time to get another house or room, and it really looked, for some time as if I should have to camp out, but at last I found a gentleman, an apostate, who has an unfinished house, one room in which he kindly allowed me to occupy until our own rooms are finished so that we shall have shelter, at least

if not as comfortable as to prove

to us the advantage I shall have in being at the chapel always, it will be almost inestimable, it seems to me. It will not only enable me to do my regular work better, but will give me more time for outside work, visiting &c., than I can possibly have now. You are aware that besides my own work here, I am music teacher at Am. Fork, which occupies my Saturdays fully, so that all visiting, correspondence, housekeeping &c. must be done in the mornings and evenings of school days.

The plan of new part is as follows: To be built of adobe, same as chapel, 16 x 24 ft. Joined to north end of chapel, and projecting east & west; divided into two apartments, the east room to open into the chapel and the west subdivided to serve as bedroom & kitchen.

The cellar is dug and foundation almost laid. Most of the materials are on the spot, and as they cost comparatively little we shall be able, I think, to pay for them right along. But it is the work that counts up most rapidly, and unless we get help I do not see how we can meet the workmen's bills. Still, I have not felt doubtful about it in the least, because I have somehow felt all along that "In some way or other" and "At some time or other" we should get help, just because we needed it, and I have found all along that, in a most wonderful manner, humanly speaking, everything really needed has come right to hand.

If you wish to ask further, please write to me or to Rev. T. F. Day, Am. Fork.

School increases slowly but surely. Present enrollment 13. All very regular in attendance. But while the dayschool prospers, the Sabbath School is much smaller than last year, and several Sabbaths there was no one present except the little girl who stays with me. I am unable, thus far, to ascertain the reason for the falling off in number, and hope it is only temporary.

I have received the Map and Bible Dictionary brought by Mrs. McMillan. Both are very great helps, indeed.

Now, if I have not begged in the proper way, please excuse, and do for me what you can, in "prayers and alms" for we need both alike sorely. Please write one soon.

Yours most affectionately Laura B. Work.